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KGB AGENTS STALK CAPITOL HALLS

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WASHINGTON (UPI) -- THERE IS A GROWING AWARENESS OF THE PRESENCE OF SOVIET INTELLIGENCE AGENTS ON CAPITOL HILL, BUT A HOUSE SUBCOMMITTEE CHAIRMAN SAID SUNDAY LEGISLATION IS NOT NEEDED TO CURB THEIR ACTIVITIES.

REP. DON EDWARDS, D-CALIF., SAID IN A TELEPHONE INTERVIEW THAT, TO HIS KNOWLEDGE, NO SOVIET AGENTS HAVE TRIED TO CONTACT HIM OR HIS OFFICE, BUT THEY HAVE ATTENDED SOME OF HIS HEARINGS ON CIVIL RIGHTS MATTERS.

"THEY ARE ALWAYS LOOKING FOR CRITICISM," SAID EDWARDS, CHAIRMAN OF THE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE'S CIVIL AND CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS SUBCOMMITTEE.

ASKED IF HE FAVORED LEGISLATION TO RESTRICT THE MOVEMENTS OF SOVIET AGENTS ON CAPITOL HILL, EDWARDS SAID, "I'M VERY MUCH AGAINST IT. THIS ADMINISTRATION IS FANNING THE FLAMES OF FEAR OF RUSSIANS ALL OVER THE WORLD AND IS TRYING TO DO THE SAME THING IN THIS COUNTRY."

HE SAID THE CONSERVATIVE HERITAGE FOUNDATION, FORMER NATIONAL SECURITY ADVISER RICHARD ALLEN AND "RONALD REAGAN ALL HAVE BEEN DOING THIS FOR YEARS AND YEARS AND YEARS."

HE SAID REAGAN, "FOR THE FIRST TIME IN HISTORY IS UNLEASHING THE CIA WITHIN THE UNITED STATES AND IT IS PROBABLY AGAINST THE LAW. THIS IS PART OF A PATTERN THAT HAS TO BE RESISTED."

THE WASHINGTON POST REPORTED SUNDAY THAT SOVIET KGB AND EMBASSY OFFICIALS ARE REGULARLY COLLECTING DOCUMENTS, ATTENDING HEARINGS AND TALKING TO MEMBERS OF CONGRESS AND THEIR STAFF MEMBERS.

THE POST REPORTED THAT REP. GUY VANDER JAGT, R-MICH., IS VISITED BY BORIS DAVYDOV, "EVERY COUPLE OF MONTHS." THE NEWSPAPER SAID DAVYDOV IS LISTED IN INTELLIGENCE FILES AS AN AGENT FOR THE KGB.

VANDER JAGT WAS CAMPAIGNING FOR RE-ELECTION AND WAS UNAVAILABLE FOR COMMENT. THE POST QUOTED VANDER JAGT AS SAYING HE HAS NEVER DISCUSSED ANYTHING WITH THE AGENT THAT ISN'T READILY AVAILABLE TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC.